



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 678**

February Session, 2016

Substitute Senate Bill No. 314

*Senate, April 19, 2016*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. BYE of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE BENEFITS PROVIDED  
PURSUANT TO THE TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Social  
2       Services shall conduct a study of the temporary family assistance  
3       program, established under section 17b-112 of the general statutes.  
4       Such study shall determine the impact of (1) allowing a recipient of  
5       benefits under the program who accepts employment within the first  
6       twenty-one months of receiving benefits to continue to receive a  
7       benefit equivalent to the difference between such recipient's wages  
8       earned and one hundred and fifty per cent of the federal poverty level  
9       for a period not to exceed twelve months, and (2) providing a one-time  
10      payment of one thousand dollars to any former recipient of benefits  
11      under the program who was not employed during the period he or she  
12      received such benefits but thereafter accepts employment.

13      (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Social  
14      Services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the

15 general statutes, shall report the results of the study conducted  
16 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing  
17 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
18 relating to labor, human services and appropriations and the budgets  
19 of state agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill, which requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to conduct a study of the Temporary Family Assistance Program (TFA), is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the agency currently has the expertise to do so.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/10/2016)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 17 (04/07/2016)